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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al.)
TITLE: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACING)
IMPLANT SYSTEM)
SERIAL NO.: 10/055,673)
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, be extended for two months until February 18, 2004. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (2) is the fee of \$210.00 as required. Please

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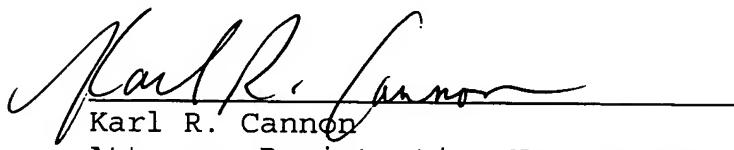
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